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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

The following amendment and remarks are made in response to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on May 8, 2003 (the "Office Action"), for which the shortened statutory period set for response expires on August 8, 2003. Applicants believe that no extension-of-time or other fee is required for this Amendment and Response to be entered and considered. However, please consider this a conditional petition for the proper extension, if one is required, and a conditional authorization to charge any related extension fees necessary for entry of this paper to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and Response, reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection and objection, and passage of the case to allowance.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

08/20/2003 THAKIH Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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